

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims on file to read as follows:

14. **[Currently Amended]** A method of ~~enabling a user's electronic device to issue a digital document that is associated with its said user and is certified on behalf of a known~~ transferring the functionality of a smart device ("existing device") to a different smart device ("new device"), where the functionality of the existing device is allowed to the user by a certified digital document of a certifying authority (CA), comprising:
- implementing in the ~~electronic~~ new device a document issuing policy of the certifying authority (CA); and
- reading from the existing device into the ~~electronic~~ new device ~~a the said~~ certified digital document associated with the said user; and
- generating by the new device a new certified digital document according to the said issuing policy of the said CA, which permits the user to use the new device with the same functionality of the existing device..that is associated with its said user and which is certified by the said electronic device on behalf of the certifying authority (CA) based on the said user's certified digital document and issuing policy.
15. **[Currently Amended]** The method according to claim 14, wherein information associated with ~~an the~~ identity of the ~~electronic~~ new device or it's user is stored within the ~~electronic~~ new device.
16. **[Previously Amended]** The method of claim 14, wherein the issuing policy attests to personal identifying information of the user of the device.
17. **[Currently Amended]** The method of claim 14, wherein the new certified digital document is output by the ~~electronic~~ new device through a communication channel.

18. [Previously Amended] The method of claim 14, wherein the certified digital documents are permits or certificates.

19. [Currently Amended] The method of claim 14, wherein a person using the ~~electronic-new~~ device to sign or certify a digital document is requested to identify himself prior to the ~~electronic-new~~ device signing or certifying the digital document.

20. [Previously Amended] The method of claim 19, wherein a user identifies himself using biometric identification information.

21. [Currently Amended] The method of claim 14, wherein a plurality of certified digital documents associated with the user are stored within the ~~electronic-new~~ device, each of which plurality of certified digital documents is associated with a different certifying authority.

22. [Currently Amended] ~~An electronic-A smart~~ device associated with a user, adapted to obtain the functionalities of the said user smart devices ("existing devices"), where the said functionalities are allowed by certified digital documents of act as a representative of a certifying authority (CA) comprising:

a controller adapted to execute a program associated with the certifying authority (CA) based on a document issuing policy of the certifying authority (CA);³⁵ and

The controller reads a certified digital document associated with its user from the existing devices, and based on the user's certified digital document

According to the said issuing policy the controller generates a new certified digital documents which permit the user to use the new device with the same functionalities of the existing devices associated with the said user and certified on behalf of the said certifying authority (CA) in accordance with the document issuing policy.

23. **[Currently Amended]** The ~~electronic-smart~~ device according to claim 22, wherein the said program generates the new certified digital document from a certified document associated with the user if data in the certified document is consistent with the document issuing policy.
24. **[Currently Amended]** The ~~electronic-smart~~ device of claim 22, wherein the controller reads a digital document provided to the ~~electronic-smart~~ device and signs or certifies the digital document only after the electronic device attests to personal identifying of the user.
25. **[Currently Amended]** The ~~electronic-smart~~ device of claim 24, further comprising a biometric data input module.
26. **[Currently Amended]** The ~~electronic-smart~~ device of claim 22, wherein a plurality of certified documents associated with the user are stored within the ~~electronic-smart~~ device, each of the plurality of certified documents are associated with a different certifying authority.
27. **[Currently Amended]** The ~~electronic-smart~~ device of claim 22, wherein the ~~electronic-smart~~ device is functionally associated with a wristwatch.
28. **[Currently Amended]** The ~~electronic-smart~~ device of claim 22, wherein the ~~electronic-smart~~ device is functionally associated with a smart card.